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A-10 tests for upgrades

By Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio
Wing Public Affairs

As the jet sped high above the clouds, the radar picked up its activities. Immediately the chaff system sensed the radar and sprayed a cloud of aluminized fiberglass strips to confuse the enemy. This is just one way the A-10 plays hide and seek with its aggressors.

The 47th Fighter Squadron deployed approximately 25 airmen and two A-10s in mid July to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Monte de Marsan, France, for a month-long test on the A-10. The aircraft flew 28 sorties on the Polygone and Trial Mace Ranges in Germany and France gathering data for an automatic chaff system. The 47th FS was picked to work with the Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Test Center, Tucson, Ariz., because they have permanently loaned an A-10 to the center to test all the new modifications.

"This data will assist computer programmers in developing software for the aircraft that is designed to prolong the life expectancy of the pilot during wartime," said Col. Gerald Werth, 917th Operations Group commander. The current chaff and flare system in the A-10 is manual. The flare acts as a decoy for heat seeking missiles and the chaff is little thin strips of aluminized fiberglass that blossoms out to hide the aircraft from radar-guided systems.

"This is the latest and greatest for the A-10," said Lt. Col. Herman Brunke, A-10 test manager at the AATC. "It takes a lot of the guess work out of the pilot's hands and gives him a huge increase in confidence of his survivability." The tests consisted of three phases of aircraft tests; this was the final phase before the development of the software. The AATC is the test coordinator, and is working with the Georgia Tech Research Institute to acquire the data necessary to write the programs.

"The first phase of tests took place at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Maryland," said Brunke. "This is where we used a calibrated radar to take cross section measurements of the aircraft." A cross section measurement shows the exact size and shape that the A-10 displays on radar. Phase two included testing of a new flares system that is invisible to the eye. This led to the final test phase of the chaff system in Germany and France.



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AURIZIO

Top left: Master Sgt. John Hayes, A-10 aircraft mechanic flight chief, services a tire on an A-10 deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany. **Middle left:** Tech. Sgt. Matt Johnson, A-10 aircraft mechanic, inventories a composite tool kit before launching an A-10 at Ramstein. **Bottom left:** Tech. Sgt. Robert Zeller, aircraft armament systems mechanic, stows the chaff safety pins before takeoff of an A-10. **Right:** Tech. Sgts. Jack Bartleson, 917 LG munition systems mechanic and Randy Sorrell, 47 FS aircraft armament systems mechanic, remove spent chaff dispensers from the A-10 to reload for the next test flight.

According to Werth, the A-10 displays a larger bleep on the radar screen than other jets. The only way to program the new software correctly is to gather data on how much chaff and at what interval it has to be released to successfully hide an A-10. The programmers have to enter the correct responses to a threat. The A-10 is threatened with other aircraft and radar guided surface to air missiles. The chaff acts as a decoy so the pilot can make a successful escape.

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A message from the Support Group Commander

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You may notice fewer Reservists at the Sept. UTA. Parking at the Wing Headquarters should be better. Each year the Support Group conducts field training – the annual bivouac. This year the bivouac is scheduled for Sept. 23-24.

Civil Engineers, Security Forces, Personnel and Services all have an annual requirement to break out tents, cots and bedrolls and hit the field. The 917th is fortunate to have the East Reservation Warrior Training Center. The site is equipped with running water and concrete tent pads.

C.E.'s Prime Beef teams pitch tents. Services RIB teams light burners on their mobile kitchens and prepare hot meals. Firemen from CE inflate giant water bladders and exercise field equipment.

SF training is even more combat oriented. They pitch pup tents in bare field conditions and practice fire fights and repel aggressors late into the morning.

CE Prime Beef Teams practice Rapid Runway Repair, often competing among themselves to im-

prove their skills and speed.

Services RIB Teams prepare Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast meals. Both are served in tents from the MKT. Saturday lunch is the ever popular MRE.

All personnel receive security training from SF experts.

The skills practiced this weekend are fundamental warrior skills that are tested in the Operational Readiness Inspection. They are an important part of readiness. I have asked the chaplain to pray for cool weather and no mosquitos. The Support Group will return in October.



Col. Richard Schmidt

Chaplain's Corner: School Daze

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Willis, Sr.

A kindergarten teacher dreaded days of rain and snow. Such days always meant thirty pairs of overshoes to take off and put on several times. At the end of one particularly snowy day, she struggled repeatedly with each child's pair of overshoes. The last child was an especially difficult fit. She worked and worked. Finally, she got the boots on his feet. At

that moment, the little boy said, "Those aren't my boots."

Summoning all the patience she could muster, the teacher dutifully removed the boots with considerable effort. When they were off, the little boy looked at his teacher and said, "They are my sister's. But mom said I had to wear them today anyway."

Have you ever had a day like

that? What do we do when confronted by that kind of frustration?

I believe the best way for any of us to deal with the difficult and the seemingly impossible is to rely on God's direction and power. You and your families are in my prayers.

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13 RSV)

Take the PME challenge

By Master Sgt. David W. Roberts
Wing Training

Do you have what it takes for the Professional Military Enlisted challenge? This challenge comes in many forms: Course 01 or Noncommissioned Officers Prep Course for a supervisor or Staff Sgt. and Course 6D/E or Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course. For those wanting to attain the rank of top three in the enlisted hierarchy, there is the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course 8D/8E. The CD ROM version 5A will permanently replace 8D/8E Oct 1.

It seems not all are up to the challenge of meeting the one-year course deadline. Up to half a dozen, each month, are disenrolled by the Air Force Institute for nonparticipation. The AFIADL requires completion in one year on all PME courses by disallowing any four-month extensions. All tests that were on file for individuals disenrolled have been destroyed. In many cases,

individuals try to beat the calendar and wait until the last moment to order their end-of-course test only to find out they didn't make it in time. Test must be ordered at least 6 months in advance just in case a retest is necessary. The AFIADL will grant extensions in extenuating circumstances—to students who encounter extended hospitalization, extended emergency leave, or extraordinary humanitarian or personal circumstances during enrollment. The AFIADL suggests a Doctor's letter or Unit Commander's endorsement.

The AFIADL understands the hectic pace of today's Reserve Force and allows re-enrollments after a six-month restriction has taken place. Students who are disenrolled from 6E/8E have to start from the beginning 6D/8D.

Of course all the above correspondence courses have associated in-residence courses if you desire the classroom environment challenge. All in-residence courses are limited, and each individual must meet required standards.

No physical in September

The 917th Medical Squadron is performing the alternate UTA in Sept. Only limited services will be provided on the main UTA.

The MS office will be open for administrative purposes only. Immunizations will be given on Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Yellow Fever shots will be available on Saturday from 9-10 a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Master Sgt. Debra Phenix at 456-8983.

Fitness Center Survey

A Fitness Center survey is available on the 917th Wing intranet. The survey is designed to help meet the needs of reservists during unit training assemblies.

If you would like to see changes made to the hours of operation and let your usage be known, complete this survey to have your wants recorded.

For more information, contact your Unit Advisory Council member.

Enlisted dining-out in September

An enlisted dining-out is scheduled for Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. in Hoban Hall. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (ret.) McCoy.

Cost of the dinner will range from \$13-20, depending on rank and club membership. Dress for the occasion is mess dress/semi-formal. For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Denson at 456-8067.

Free football on ESGR Day

An employer of the guard and reserve commeration in conjunction with POW/MIA week is scheduled for Sept. 16 at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

ULM will play against Nichols State at 6 p.m. A tailgate party will be held before the game, starting at 2 p.m. Anyone that wears their uniform to the game will be allowed to enter at no cost.

Supervisors homosexual policy briefing

All new supervisors (anyone who writes an enlisted or officers performance report) are required to receive the homosexual policy briefing within 60 days of becoming supervisors.

To meet this requirement, all supervisors who have not received the training can be briefed in the wing auditorium, October 15 at 10:30 or 11:30 a.m.

3-mile walk in October

The wing will perform its 3-mile walk Oct. 14. All units will meet at the A-10 hangar in time to begin at 2 p.m.

Tennis shoe are required and time allotted will be based on age.

Make-up dates will be Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 at the same time and place. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Arlene Johnson at 456-8983.

Thanks for the help

Words cannot convey the appreciation we feel in our hearts for the support, love and prayers that were offered on behalf of the loss of our daughter, Carmen. We can do all things through our Lord who strengthens us and we have truly found strength in God's love through the 917th.

We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for your caring during our loss. It was so good of you to think of our needs in a special way.

We will surely miss her, but heaven is sweeter with her there!

Thomas & Judy Grady

Newcomers scheduled to arrive on the September UTA

93rd Bomb Squadron

Senior Airman Charles Dison, Castor, La.
Senior Airman Abraham Rademacher, Shreveport, La.
Senior Airman Bryan Rollins, Shreveport, La.

917th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Harold Brown, Texarkana, Ark.

917th Medical Support Squadron

Maj. Brett Butler, Oakdale, La.
Staff Sgt. Kyle Pendergrass, Tyler, Texas
Senior Airman Je'saundra Acuavera, Barksdale AFB, La.
Senior Airman Judy Clark, Frierson, La.
Senior Airman Vietta King, Greenville, Texas
Airman 1st Class Undrea Allen, Bossier City, La.

307th RED HORSE Squadron

Staff Sgt. Cary Cantu, Nacogdoches, Texas
Staff Sgt. Johnny Hudson, Bloomburg, Texas
Senior Airman Kelly Reid, Longview, Texas
917th Logistics Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Rick Bingham, Bossier City, La.
Staff Sgt. Wallace Monson, Shreveport, La.
Senior Airman Angela Lewis, Shreveport, La.

917th Operations Support Flight

Airman Stephen Corby, Fort Wayne, Ind.

917th Communication Squadron

Senior Airman Christopher Chance, Shreveport, La.

47th Fighter Squadron

Maj. Scott Irons, Tucson, Ariz.
Tech. Sgt. Tesera Lee, Shreveport, La.
Staff Sgt. Debra Crowder, Shreveport, La.

917th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Bryan Davis, Shreveport, La.
Senior Airman Daniel Roberts, Warrenburg, Mo.
Senior Airman Timothy Sanford, Beaumont, Texas

917th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Lanise Robinson, Bossier City, La.

Promotions

Chief Master Sergeant

Robert Anderson
Louis Carroll

Senior Master Sergeant

David Ussery

Master Sergeant

Edward Bryant, II
David Carpenter
Joel Estes
Darold Fish
David Grigg
Bobby Herring
Danny House
Robert Hunter

James Mancil
Charles McIntire
Credell Scott
James Smith Jr.
Kenneth Watson

Technical Sergeant

Victor Barry
Andrew Beiger
Angela Blackburn
Richard Byford
Rickey Coleman
Raymond Elliott
Tony Kindie
Arthur Miller Fr.
Robert Mobley

Barrett Nelson
Roderrick Perry
Jimmy Phillips
Thomas Thiebault
Joseph Wade

Staff Sergeant

Bridget Brown
Benjamin Dorsey
Phillip Finigan
Albert Harrison
Matthew Himes
John Mattheis
Larry Mays
Dayana Rimmer
Charles Robinson

Nishera Sanders
Daymen Valentine

Senior Airman

Braeden Harris
Elizabeth Jones
Shadonna Odom
Alexandria Pineda
Christy Wylie

Airman 1st Class

April Adkins
Danielle Ardoin
William McDuffie
Jameshia Smith
Brian Tyler



Staff Sgt. Rebel Hester, 917 MS medical services attendant and Chief Master Sgt. Elywnn Watkins, 917 MS medical services superintendent, simulate stabilizing a patient after a staged accident at Medical Red Flag.

917th Medics train for the field at Red Flag

By Mrs. Betty Stephens
Wing Public Affairs

The 917th Medical Squadron took leave from their regular jobs, loaded up on a C-141 aircraft and deployed for two-weeks to "Medical Red Flag" training in July.

Medical Red Flag training is conducted at the Medical Readiness Training Site, Sheppard AFB, Texas, in an austere field environment and conditions much like those encountered during the Gulf War. This year 46 airmen from the 917 MS participated in the training along with troops from the 419th Fighter Wing, Hills AFB, Ut., and 939th Rescue

Wing, Portland, Or.

"Some of it is taught by computer database instead of the traditional lectures," said Staff Sgt Retrina Newton, 917 MS attendant. "Each student goes through the lessons individually, progressing at our own pace." The program consists primarily of classroom lectures for the first 11 days and then four days of intense outdoor training. Some of the subjects taught were biological, chemical, and nuclear warfare and much more.

"During the unit training assemblies, we don't have the opportunity to practice our wartime mission," Lt.



Master Sgt. Debra Phenix, 917 MS chief of medical administration and Tech. Sgt. Joycelynn Sweet, 917 MS dental assistant set up legs for patient litter used for training at Medical Red Flag.



PHOTOS BY MRS. BETTY STEPHENS

Master Sgt. Anglea Roberson-King, 917 MS dental assistant, and Maj. Corine Barral-Jones, 917 MS surgical nurse, simulate helping other troops transport patient litter to vehicles at Medical Red Flag.

Col. Linda Southerland, 917 MS chief nurse said. "The opportunity for the group to participate in a mass-casualty type exercise where we erect the structures we're working in, and just come together and cope with the situation is just what we need." The squadron does not anticipate augmenting as a whole unit, not even in a real world situation, and this type training will better prepare them to deploy in their appropriate 'unit type codes' if and when necessary.

"I have put up tents before, but never simulated an actual hospital scene," said another first time participant, Senior Airman Roy Moss, 917 MS medical administrator. "The training has been very beneficial—the patient flow, the busy scenes, the seriousness of everything—it is actually what would happen if we go to war."

Master Sgt Debra Phenix, 917 MS chief of medical administration, and a third time attendee said, "The living quarters have improved tremendously, the first year we started with hard back tents, and they were flapping all during the night. We had no air-conditioning, only fans. This year we had four open-bay dormitories, wall lockers, and it was just so much better."

"Completing the four phases of the exercise, we were able to fulfill the requirements for Air Force Reserve Medical field training and our unit deployment exercise, as well," said Captain Janice Sneed, 917 MS health services administrator.

Defense bill funds for more reservists, money in FY 2001

Starting Oct. 1, Air Force Reserve Command will receive an increase in its annual operating budget and funding for more military personnel.

Under the fiscal year 2001 DoD Appropriations Act signed by the president Aug. 9, AFRC will get \$2.836 billion compared to \$2.682 billion for FY 2000. The new spending bill, which allocates \$83.6 billion to the Air Force and \$288 billion to the Defense Department, includes a 3.7 percent military pay raise effective Jan. 1, 2001.

For the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, 2001, funding for AFRC will permit a Selected Reserve end strength of 74,470. That's 170 positions more than recommended in the president's budget submitted to Congress in Feb., and 762 positions more than funded in FY 2000. The FY 2001 bill also calls for 1,336 full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions, an increase of 58 from the president's budget and 202 more than this year. Congress concurred with the president on funding 9,733 full-time air reserve technician positions, a decrease of 52 positions compared to FY 2000.

Under the reserve personnel appropriation, AFRC will get \$971 million in FY 2001, a \$92 million increase compared to last year but \$10.7 million less than recommended by the president.

Congress deducted \$24.6 million from the RPA fund for travel, training, permanent-change-of-station requirements and pay miscalculations. However, the legislature added \$3.75 million for AGR pilot retention bonuses, \$1.7 million for 50 more full-time recruiters and \$400,000 for eight AGR positions in a rapid engineer deployable-heavy operational repair squadron engineer unit, better known as RED HORSE. Congress also wrote in \$5.5 million for the Montgomery GI Bill Kicker education program, \$1.38 million for funeral detail duties and \$1.2 million for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs.

This year the president recommended \$1.886 billion - a \$72 million increase - in operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and administer the command. O&M funds pay for civilian employees, including ARTs, flying hours and depot maintenance. These funds also cover repair of facilities and equipment; travel and transportation; recruiting; procurement of services, supplies and equipment; and communication.

Congress added the following to the O&M budget: \$7 million for depot maintenance, \$4 million for real property maintenance, \$3 million for ART pilot retention allowances, \$2 million for shortfalls in flying hours and \$1.8 million for a RED HORSE unit. Then, Congress withdrew nearly \$44 million with a working capital fund offset. (AFRC News Service)

917th sets record at Office Olympics



Top: Master Sgt. Pete Bretzman, 917th Logistics Group and Tech. Sgt. Candy Green, 47th Fighter Squadron, pass one of the 30 Pepsi bottles that brought them in first place and set an Office Olympics record. **Bottom:** Tech. Sgt. David Owens, 917 LG and Vicky Prior, both members of the 917th LG, slap a high five after receiving a first-place ribbon in the "Water Break" relay.

PHOTOS BY MRS. BETTY STEPHENS



A-10

"There were instances in Bosnia and Kosovo where A-10s were shot at with infrared missiles and hit," said Brunke. "This is bad, and we don't want it to happen again." This system allows the pilot to pre-program his defenses.

"If a particular threat is identified on the ground, the system allows you to program the system specifically for that threat," said Capt. James Travis, 47 FS,

A-10 instructor pilot. "It is a more automated way of dispensing self protection." Each chaff dispenser that does not fire properly will also be identified with an error code. This will save time on maintenance of the canisters because each electrical contact will not have to be tested for malfunctions.

Using this airspace for the testing saved approximately \$600,000 because of

a NATO exercise that was taking place at the Trial Mace Range. "The Trial Mace exercise allowed us to go to that airspace and get the range time with no cost to us," said Werth. "In terms of cost savings, the data gathered is going to be invaluable." By 2005, all A-10s are expected to have this mission data file installed on all reserve, air national guard, and active-duty A-10s.

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Voices: Has anyone you've known needed an organ donation to survive, and are you a registered donor?



Staff Sgt. Sherry Barnett
307th RED HORSE Squadron

"No, I haven't known anyone that needed an organ transplant, but I am a donor. This is one instance that a tragedy can help someone else."



Tech. Sgt. Candy Green
47th Fighter Squadron

"I don't know anyone personally and I'm not a donor. Over the last few weeks I've thought about becoming one. I'm sure I will, it's the spirit that will matter to me."



Tech. Sgt. Johnnie Gilbert
93rd Bomb Squadron

"My wife's cousin needed a kidney transplant and ended up getting two before it was all over with. No, I'm not a donor"



Master Sgt. Jeff Lavergne
917th Security Forces Squadron

"Yes, I'm a donor. I worked at a hospital and met a lot of transplant patients that lived instead of dying because of donors."

Be special...give someone a second chance

By Tech. Sgt. Randy Sorrell
47th Fighter Squadron

How many times have you prayed for a second chance and got it, only to forget the promises you make after the request was granted?

In his younger years, my Dad (Mel) tried out for the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a sports fanatic who loved to play baseball and fast pitch softball. Being able to participate in sports meant the world to him.

A heart surgery in the early 70's caused problems with the hamstring muscles in his legs. He was no longer able to walk on his own. Even though a gust of wind could topple his unsteady pace, he overcame and learned to walk again. Knowing he would never again be able to run and play ball, he still didn't give up.

Recently, my Dad was in the hospital for approximately nine weeks awaiting a heart transplant. He, along with others on the list, was confined to that floor. There was a wide range of tests to be administered before qualifying for a heart transplant. Before he received a heart transplant, his aorta ruptured, and he died.

A person doesn't realize how many people that one donor can save. Some feel it would be hard on the surviving family members. I'm here to tell you that isn't the case. My dad was able to provide bone and skin tissue to help someone I'll never meet, but who shared the same pain. The sense of pride and joy I felt is indescribable.

During the last 30 years of his life, he thought his legs were his weakness. Who would have guessed his weakness would be



Randy and Mel Sorrell

someone else's special gift? I'd like to think that maybe someone is using his old bones to run and play ball.

God bless you pops. You are the man. Please sign up to be a donor; I promise it won't hurt.

Raise the survival rate, become a donor today

Today about 62,000 patients nationwide await organ transplants, and some 12 die each day while waiting. Less than one-third - about 20,000 - receive transplants each year. While the number of cadaveric donors rose in 1998 to nearly 5,800, with about three organs recovered from each donor, it still falls far short of the substantial and growing need. Most Americans say they support donation and would carry out their loved

one's wishes if they knew them, but only about half of families asked give consent. If families discuss and share their decision to donate, many more lives could be saved. For more information on becoming a donor check out <http://www.organdonor.gov/>. To get a donor application, call Tech. Sgt. Randy Sorrell at 456-9320 in the 47th Fighter Squadron, Weapons Loading Shop.

917th Wing Training Schedule

September UTA 9-10

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0600	UTA prayer breakfast	Red River Inn Dining
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700-0830	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1030	Immunizations	Base hospital
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0830	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227
0900-1000	Yellow fever shots	Base hospital
0900	OJT meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0930, 1030 & 1330	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Attack Response Exercise meeting	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 211
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1100-1130	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1130	Top Three meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	HRDC meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
1300	Unit Safety Rep. meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1400	MSSQ commanders call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 -- LG 1600--MS	1610-CES, MSS, WG

Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0800	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0800	Initial Chem. Warfare	Hangar 7
0800-1200	EO 2000	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
0900	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300-1500	MSSQ ORM Phase 2 workshop	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1430	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1515	47 FS commanders call	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 -- LG 1600--MS	1610-CES, MSS, WG

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Larry Giles
Master Sgt. Joe Menna
1-800-241-4071

Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Master Sgt. Kris Jaso
501-987-7188

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Staff Sgt. Brian Mobely
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

Shreveport, La.

Tech. Sgt. Don Copeland
318-683-0331

Texarkana, Texas

Staff Sgt. TeNeuss Land
903-223-7030

Monroe, La.

Master Sgt. James Headrick
318-323-1898

SERVICES

917th Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

Sunday

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All service.

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179

Friday & Saturday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1

47FS - 11:45 WG - 11

MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - noon SFS - 12:15

Shuttle service to the dining hall runs every 20 minutes starting at 11 a.m.. Pick-up points are Bldg. 6850 and Bldg. 6825 (northeast side of Bldg. 6803)

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours are:

Saturday & Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Military Pay

Main UTA hours of operation:

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Military clothing issue

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

93rd Bomb Squadron challenges the heat to survive



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN SHANNON COLLINS

Tech. Sgt. Cecil Chase, 93 BS aircrew life support technician, directs aircrew to location for simulation of parachute drag training at Cypress Lake during the August unit training assembly.



Col. Bruce Kintner, 93 BS commander, dons harness and life preserver with help from Senior Airman Nathan Holland, 93 BS, aircrew life support technician.



Tech. Sgt. Thurman Armstrong, 93 BS aircrew life support technician, reviews survival kit components with Col. Gerald Werth, 917th Operations Group commander.

UTA Schedule

Main

Sept. 9-10
Oct. 14-15
Nov. 4-5
Dec. 2-3
Jan. 6-7, 2001
Feb. 3-4
Mar. 3-4
Apr. 7-8
May 5-6
June 2-3
July 14-15
Aug. 4-5
Sept. 8-9

Alternate

Sept. 16-17
Oct. 21-22
Nov. 18-19
Dec. 2-3
Jan. 20-21, 2001
Feb. 10-11
Mar. 17-18
Apr. 21-22
May 19-20
June 23-24
July 21-22
Aug. 18-19
Sept. 22-23

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